

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 888
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th JULY, 2024

EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME

888 SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS);
- (b) the number of beneficiaries who have availed services through ECHS during the last three years;
- (c) the amount incurred by the Government under the Scheme; and
- (d) the details of the hospitals empanelled under ECHS across the country, State/UT-wise including Bihar, district-wise?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a): (i) The Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) became operational on 01st April, 2003 for Ex-Servicemen drawing defence pension alongwith their eligible dependents. The scheme provides cashless and capless medical benefits to approximately 60 lakh beneficiaries. Special sanction of the Government of India has been granted on 07th March, 2019 to World War-II Veterans, emergency Commissioned Officers, short service commissioned Officers and Pre-Mature Retirees by waiving off the mandatory conditions of being Ex-Servicemen and drawing pension from Controller of Defence Accounts.
- (ii) ECHS provides medical services through a vast network of 427 ECHS Polyclinics in India, 06 in Nepal, 30 ECHS Regional Centers and Empanelled Health Care Organizations.
- (iii) Personnel from the following organizations/categories, apart from the Tri-services, are entitled for ECHS membership: -
- (1) Territorial Army
 - (2) Defence Security Corps
 - (3) Uniformed Indian Coast Guard

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- (4) Military Nursing Service
- (5) Special Frontier Force
- (6) Nepal Domiciled Gorkha
- (7) Whole time NCC officers
- (8) Army Postal Service
- (9) Army Rifles
- (10) World War-II Veterans, Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs),
Emergency Commissioned Officers (ECOs) & Pre Mature Retirees.

(b): Around 3.55 Crore number of visits have been reported in ECHS Polyclinics by ECHS beneficiaries for treatment/referral through ECHS in the last three years.

(c): The amount spent by the Department of Ex-servicemen under the scheme during the last three years is Rs. 21,589.31 Crores and for the current year is Rs. 2,688.86 Crores (as on 22nd July, 2024).

(d): Details of the empaneled Health Care Organisations under ECHS across the country, State/UT-wise including Bihar district-wise is placed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 888 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING “EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME”.

Table 1: Details of the Empanelled Health Care Organisations (HCOs) under ECHS across the country- STATE-WISE: -

Sl. No	State/UT	Empanelled Health Care Organisations
1.	Andhra Pradesh	141
2.	Assam	36
3.	Bihar	49
4.	Chandigarh	58
5.	Chhattisgarh	17
6	Delhi	495
7	Goa	7
8	Gujarat	50
9	Haryana	475
10	Himachal Pradesh	80
11	Jammu & Kashmir	24
12	Jharkhand	28
13	Karnataka	120
14	Kerala	191
15	Madhya Pradesh	96
16	Maharashtra	327
17	Manipur	3
18	Meghalaya	2
19	Mizoram	4
20	Nagaland	2
21	Odisha	54
22	Puducherry	4
23	Punjab	495
24	Rajasthan	237
25	Sikkim	1
26	Tamil Nadu	137
27	Telangana	30
28	Tripura	3
29	Uttar Pradesh	502
30	Uttarakhand	79
31	West Bengal	67
	Total	3814

Table 2: Details of the hospitals empanelled under ECHS in Bihar- DISTRICT-WISE: -

Sl. No.	District	Health Care Organisations
1	Begusarai	01
2	Buxar	01
3	Chapra	01
4	Darbhanga	04
5	Dehri-on-sona	01
6	Katihar	03
7	Muzaffarpur	03
8	Hajipur	01
9	Patna	33
10	Siwan	01
	Total	49
